

## Our Good is God's Delight by John Piper

*"I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul." (Jeremiah 32:40-41)*

God's pursuit of praise from us and our pursuit of pleasure in him are one and the same pursuit. God's quest to be glorified and our quest to be satisfied reach their goal in this one experience: our delight in God, which overflows in praise.

For God, praise is the sweet echo of his own excellence in the hearts of his people.

For us, praise is the summit of satisfaction that comes from living in fellowship with God.

The stunning implication of this discovery is that all the omnipotent energy that drives the heart of God to pursue his own glory also drives him to satisfy the hearts of those who seek their joy in him.

The good news of the Bible is that God is not at all disinclined to satisfy the hearts of those who hope in him. Just the opposite: The very thing that can make us happiest is what God delights in with all his heart and with all his soul. These are amazing words: "I will rejoice in doing them good . . . with all my heart and all my soul" (Jeremiah 32:41).

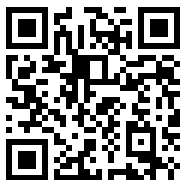
With all his heart and with all his soul, God joins us in the pursuit of our everlasting joy because the consummation of that joy in him redounds to the glory of his own infinite worth.

### Events

10/18 Youth Prayer & Men's/Women's Prayer Meetings 7:15 PM

10/19 Piedmont Rescue Mission Banquet - contact the office for a free ticket

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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# Morning Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

## Pastor Bob Prentice In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease.

My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

## Matthew 25:1-13, page 830 #271 How Sweet and Awful Your Great Name

1. The lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name.  
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name.  
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.  
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name.  
(Chorus) Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.  
Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up  
and all the world will praise Your great name.  
2. All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.  
The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.  
(Chorus)  
Your great name.  
Jesus, no higher name than Jesus, no sweeter name than Jesus.  
Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.  
Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up and all the world will praise...  
Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.  
Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up  
and all the world will praise Your great name, Your great name, Your great name.

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## Sermon

## Pastor Gary Hendrix

# Evening Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

## Pastor Stu Johnston #80 How Firm a Foundation Ephesians 5:15-33, page 978

## Mercies Anew

1. Every morning that breaks there are mercies anew.  
Every breath that I take is Your faithfulness proved,  
And at the end of each day, when my labors are through,  
I will sing of Your mercies anew.  
2. When I've fallen and strayed there were mercies anew.  
For You sought me in love and my heart You pursued.  
In the face of my sin, Lord, You never withdrew.  
So I sing of Your mercies anew.  
(Chorus) And Your mercies they will never end;  
For ten thousand years they remain.  
And when this world's beauty has passed away,  
Your mercies will be unchanged.  
3. And when the storms swirl and rage, there are mercies anew.  
In affliction and pain, You will carry me through,  
And at the end of my days, when Your throne fills my view,  
I will sing of Your mercies anew, I will sing of Your mercies anew.  
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## Preparatory

## The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free fixed on His own eternally  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove long as He lives, His own He'll love  
His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety  
Twas love that took their cause in hand  
And love maintains it to the end  
(Chorus) Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law  
Can turn the Surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day  
Love has redeemed His sheep with blood  
And love will bring them safe to God  
Love calls them all from death to life  
And love will finish all their strife  
He loves through every changing scene  
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean  
Not all the wanderings of her heart  
Can make His love for her depart  
(Chorus) Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law  
Can turn the Surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day  
At death, beyond the grave, He'll love  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove  
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## Sermon

## Nick Gaines